## IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

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In the App	lication of:	)
Michael E. Jolley and Mohammad S. Nasir		) Confirmation No. 7002
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For: Detection of <i>Salmonella</i> Cells By Fluorescence Polarization Inhibition Assays		) Art Omt. 1045 ) )

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## RESPONSE TO THE OFFICE ACTION MAILED DECEMBER 1, 2006

Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed December 1, 2006, please enter the following amendments and consider the following remarks.

Amendments to the Specification begin on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 4 of this paper.

**Payment of Fees:** Applicants submit that no fees are required for this Response. However, should any fee(s) be required under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16-1.21, please charge such fee(s) or credit any overpayment of such fee(s) to Deposit Account No. 13-2490.